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The **ETERNALS** were created by the alien space gods known as the **CELESTIALS** to protect the Earth. One of the Eternals' chief directives is to correct excess deviation. **DRUIG**, the current Prime Eternal, recently determined that Earth's mutants, with their ability to resurrect themselves, represent excess deviation--and therefore, he has set out to destroy them all. The Eternals loyal to Druig launched a multipronged attack against all mutants. Meanwhile, a faction of the Eternals opposed to Druig are plotting against him, allying themselves with the **AVENGERS**, who are headquartered in the body of a dead Celestial.

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YOU'VE
MISSED
A LOT. IN
SHORT?

DRUIG
UNLEASHED
URANOS THE
UNDYING TO
DEVASTATE
THE MUTANT
MARTIAN
SETTLEMENT
OF ARAKKO.

JACK OF KNIVES
WAS **JUST** PREVENTED
FROM WINNING THE
WAR BY MURDERING
THE MEANS OF MUTANT
RESURRECTION.

AND NOW WE'RE IN A
DRAG-OUT SLUGFEST,
WITH THE ETERNALS
UNLEASHING THE ANCIENT,
SKYSCRAPER-SIZED WAR-
ETERNALS, THE HEX.

HOW WOULD
DRUIG SUM IT
UP FOR HIS
LOYALISTS?

**DEATH
TO THE
MUTANTS!**

YES, THAT
SOUNDS
ABOUT
RIGHT.

HOW DO OUR
HEROES FEEL
ABOUT ALL THIS
HAVING **JUST**
BEEN BROUGHT
UP TO SPEED?

THAT'S BAD.
I LIKE THE
MUTANTS.

LEMURIA,

DEVIAANT CAPTIAL CITY. RECOVERING
FROM ATROCITIES INCURRED DURING
THE THANOSIAN TERROR.

GUYS...
WHAT ARE
WE GOING
TO DO?

SIMPLE.
WE FLY TO
STAND AGAINST
INJUSTICE.

IT IS BIGGER
THAN MERE JUSTICE.
DRUIG RELEASED URANOS.
SATAN WAS FREED FOR
HIS GAIN.

THAT
WAS HIS **FIRST**
STEP. WHAT'S
HIS NEXT?

HOPEFULLY,
WE WON'T FIND
OUT. I'VE BEEN
CONSULTING WITH
THE AVENGERS,
AND WE HAVE
A PLAN...

"CONSULTING" IS SERSI'S
SHORTHAND FOR "THE AVENGERS
BEAT HER UP AND ARRESTED HER,
THINKING SHE WAS PART OF IT, BUT
THEY'VE KISSED AND MADE UP."

METAPHORICALLY
SPEAKING, THERE'S
BEEN NO KISSING YET.
I FEAR THAT THIS IS NOT
THE KISSING KIND OF
STORY, MORE'S THE PITY.

WE PRIESTS
OF THE OLD AND
THE NEW HAVE
PLANS TO BRING
A NEW GOD
TO EARTH.

A
CELESTIAL
WHO CAN
REWRITE
OUR NATURE
AND SET THE
ETERNALS FREE.

AND THEIR
FIRST ACT
WOULD BE TO
END THIS WAR.

WE HAVE
CONVENED
A TEAM OF
HUMANS AND A
MUTANT SPECIALIST
TO USE THE CORPSE
OF THE CELESTIAL
THE AVENGERS LIVE
INSIDE AS A
STRUCTURE FOR
OUR NEW
GOD.

TO FINISH
IT, WE NEED
CERTAIN PARTS.
WHEN WE
HAVE THEM,
WE CAN--

I HAVE A
QUESTION.



YOU
ALREADY SHOWED
ME YOUR PLANS. I
SAID IT WOULD
RISK WAR.

YOU SAY YOU HAVE
A MUTANT EXPERT ALREADY.
THIS IS NATHANIEL ESSEX--THE
CREATURE WHO GUTTED THE
DREAMING CELESTIAL.

SO...DID YOU
KIDNAP MISTER
SINISTER?

OF COURSE YOU DID.
DID YOU EVEN WAIT
FOR THE WAR TO BEGIN
TO PUT YOUR PLAN
INTO ACTION?

ARE WE
JUST *LUCKY*
THERE WAS A WAR
FOR YOU TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE
OF?

WAIT! DID YOU
KNOW THE WAR WAS
COMING, AJAK, AND
MERELY TAKE
ADVANTAGE?

YOU TALKED
TO DRUIG
AND RELEASED
ME. WHAT
ELSE DID HE
TELL YOU?

WHAT
DID YOU
KNOW? WHAT
DID YOU
GUESS?

ENOUGH,
PHASTOS.



YOU CAN JUDGE
ME BY THE RESULTS.
AT THE END OF THIS,
WE WILL HAVE A GOD
AND DELIVERANCE.
I HAVE FAITH
IN THIS.

ALONG
THE WAY, WE
CAN SAVE THE
WORLD.

JUDGE
ME *THEN*.



DAMN YOU.

WHAT DO YOU NEED ME TO DO?



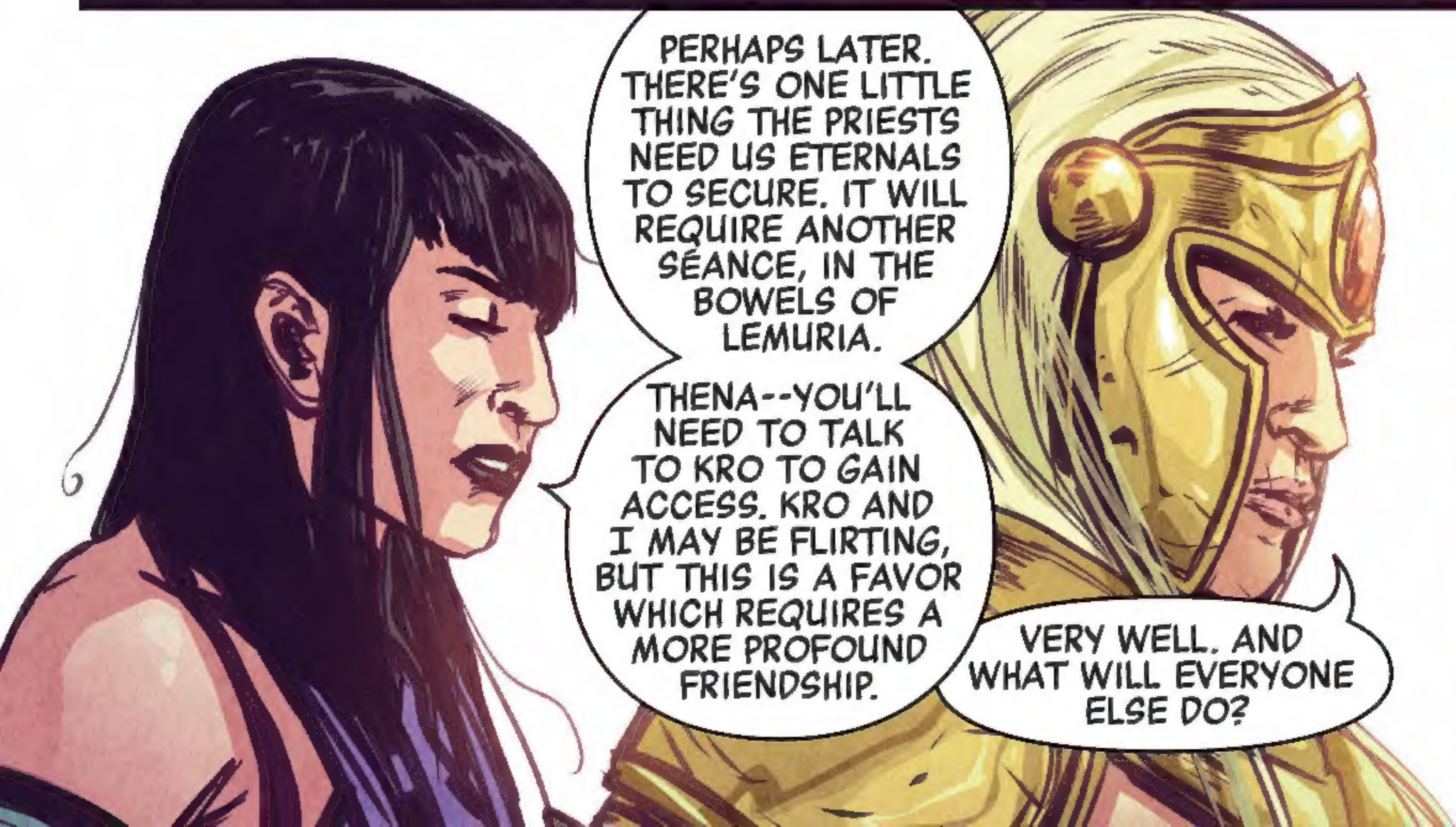
COME, GODLY SMITH: BE A SMITH OF GODS.



VERY WELL. IT WILL BE DONE. THERE IS NO CHOICE.

WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF US?

WE MARCH TO WAR.



PERHAPS LATER. THERE'S ONE LITTLE THING THE PRIESTS NEED US ETERNALS TO SECURE. IT WILL REQUIRE ANOTHER SEANCE, IN THE BOWELS OF LEMURIA.

THEN--YOU'LL NEED TO TALK TO KRO TO GAIN ACCESS. KRO AND I MAY BE FLIRTING, BUT THIS IS A FAVOR WHICH REQUIRES A MORE PROFOUND FRIENDSHIP.

VERY WELL. AND WHAT WILL EVERYONE ELSE DO?



WHEN WE HAVE ACCESS?

WE'LL NEED BODYGUARDS.

LATER.

BE SWIFT, THENA. THIS IS OUR MOST SACRED AND PROFANE SITE.

THERE WILL BE MANY DEVIANTS WHO'D JUDGE ME FOR LETTING YOU STEP WHERE THE GODS LASHED OUT...

IT HAPPENED HERE?

NO, IT HAPPENED ALL OVER THE CITY. THE SECOND HOST OF THE CELESTIALS RETURNED TO EARTH AND FOUND US IN THE FULLNESS OF OUR POWER. I WAS YOUNG. I REMEMBER HOW PROUD WE WERE...

THIS IS WHERE THEIR FIRST STRIKE WAS MADE, IN ALL ITS RAGE AND AWFUL MAJESTY.

THIS IS WHERE WE LEARNED WITH FULL CERTAINTY THAT OUR GODS DO NOT LOVE US.



IT'S SO
PEACEFUL
HERE.

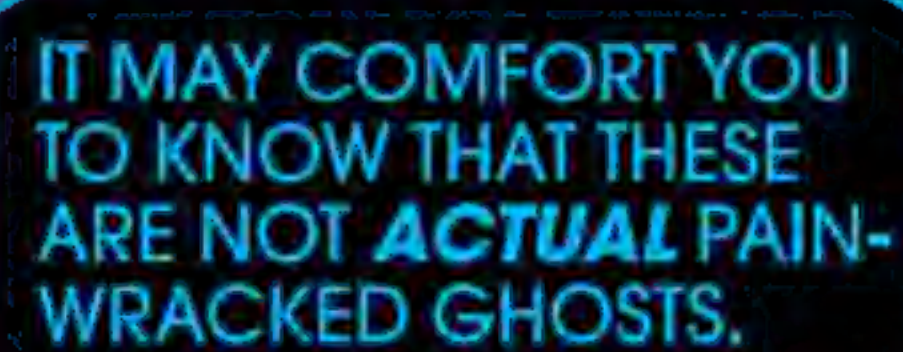
NO,
SPRITE.

NOT
PEACEFUL.

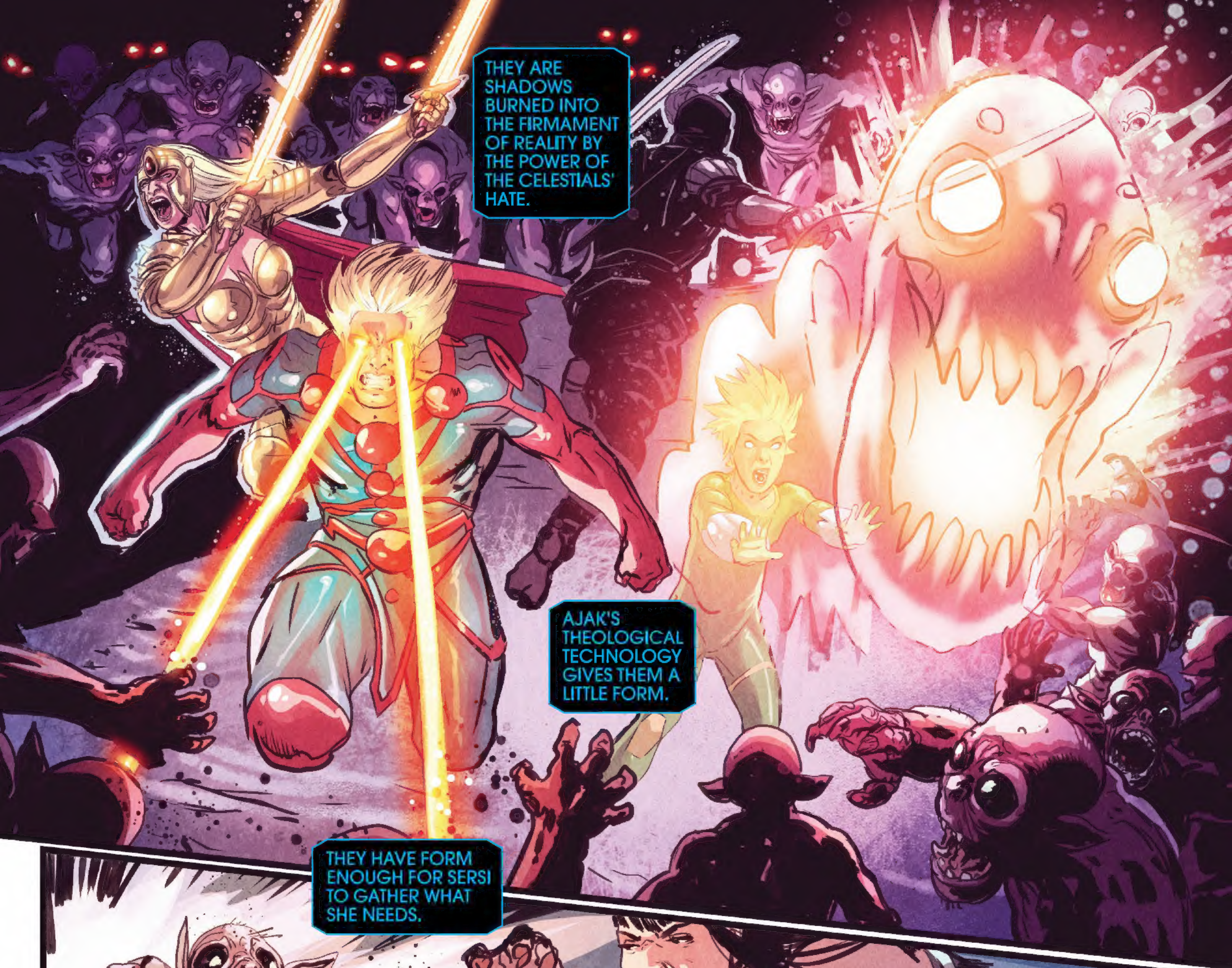
JUST
QUIET.



THIS IS
THE FURTHEST
PLACE FROM
PEACEFUL.



IT MAY COMFORT YOU
TO KNOW THAT THESE
ARE NOT **ACTUAL** PAIN-
WRACKED GHOSTS.



THEY ARE SHADOWS BURNED INTO THE FIRMAMENT OF REALITY BY THE POWER OF THE CELESTIALS' HATE.

AJAK'S THEOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGY GIVES THEM A LITTLE FORM.

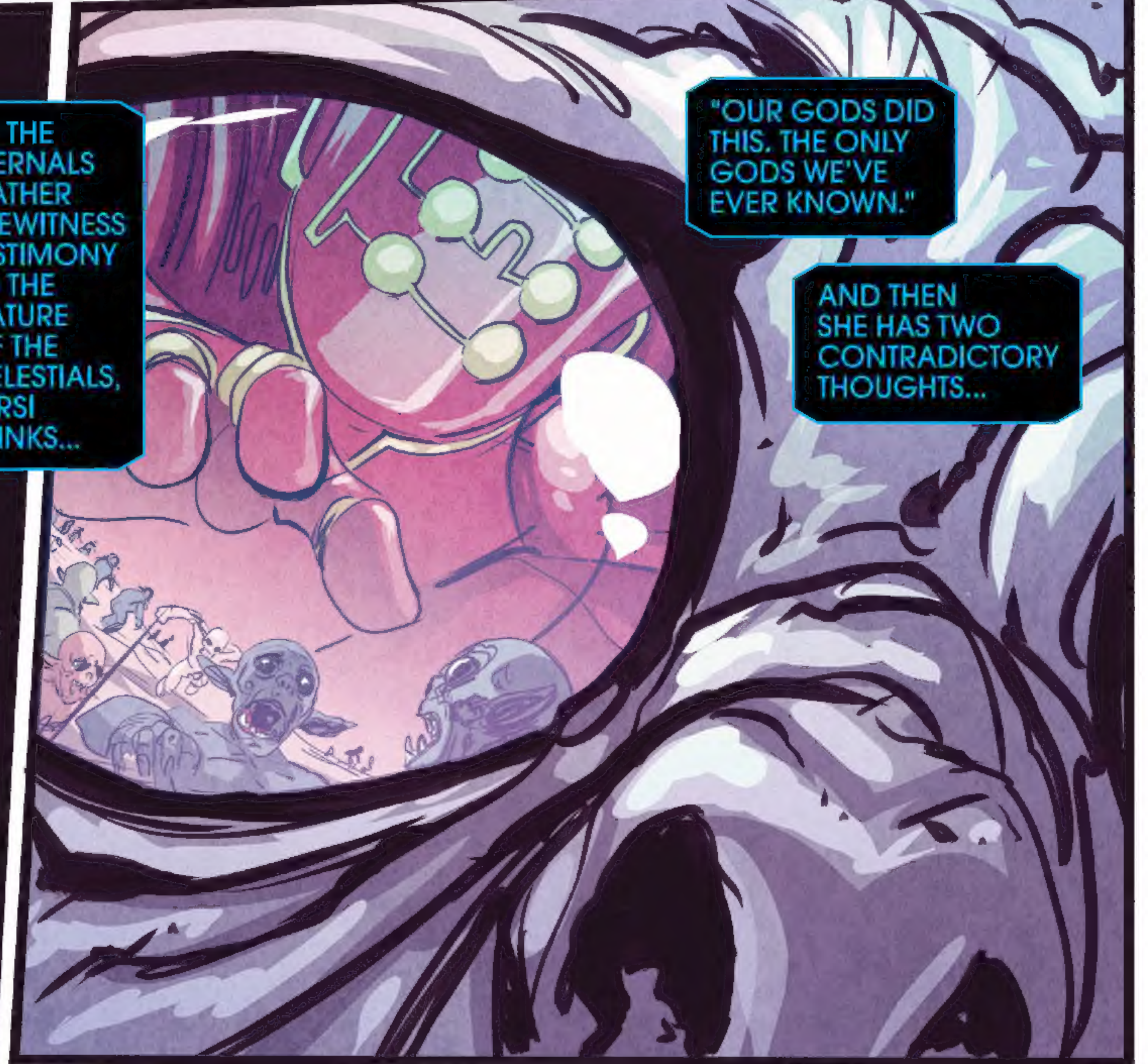
THEY HAVE FORM ENOUGH FOR SERSI TO GATHER WHAT SHE NEEDS.



THEY HAVE FORM ENOUGH TO LASH OUT IN ANGUISH ONE LAST TIME.

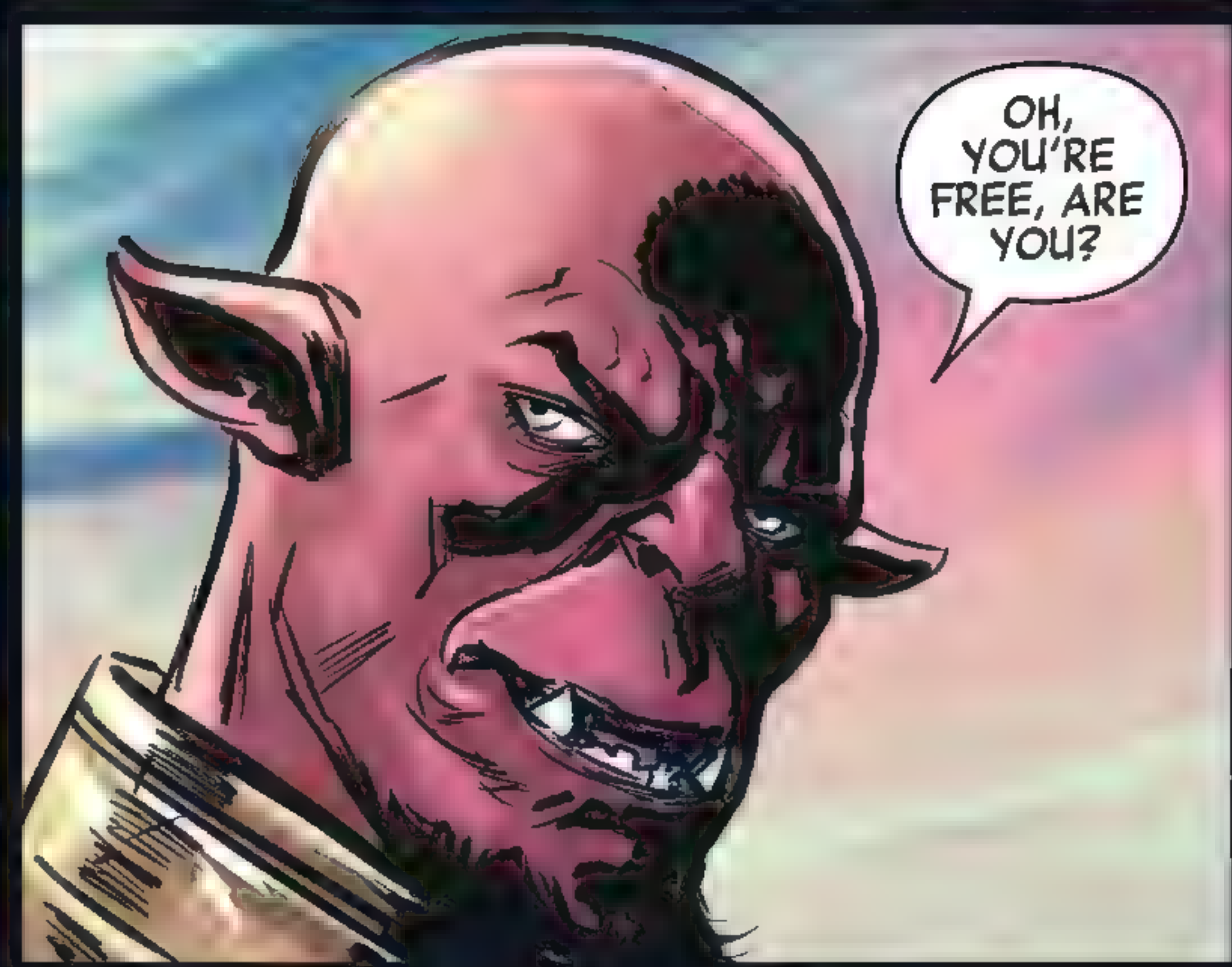


AS THE ETERNALS GATHER EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY TO THE NATURE OF THE CELESTIALS, SERSI THINKS...



"OUR GODS DID THIS. THE ONLY GODS WE'VE EVER KNOWN."

AND THEN SHE HAS TWO CONTRADICTORY THOUGHTS...





YOU ARE RIGHT. WE WRITE TALES OF OUR VALOR IN YOUR BLOOD.

BUT BY THE UNRELENTING GAZE OF ESON! DRUIG'S ACTIONS ARE NOT RIGHT.



I DIDN'T SAY DON'T DO IT. I SAID DON'T LET *THEM* KNOW YOU DID IT.

IF WE DEVIANTS ARE TO BE DRAGGED INTO THIS AWFUL SERIES OF EVENTS, I'D HAVE IT BE THROUGH *OUR* ACTIONS, NOT YOURS.



WHY NOT DO SOMETHING OUT OF CHARACTER, IKARIS?

BE CLEVER.



HMM.



I HAVE AN IDEA.

HE DOES. YES, I'M SURPRISED TOO.

CAN WE HOPE IT'S ALSO A GOOD IDEA?

FRIEND?
CAN YOU HEAR ME, FRIEND?

I HAVE A QUESTION?

THE SUBSPACE TUNNELS,
DEEP INSIDE THE MACHINE.

FRIEND?

SHHH

KKNNNNNNH

HELLO, GILGAMESH.

HOW MANY OF THESE STEALTH SUITS DO THE FORGOTTEN HAVE?

OLYMPIA, THE WAR ROOM,
THE CENTER OF A NEURAL-STRATEGIC
WEB LINKING ALL HOSTILES.

WOW.

I'D ALMOST FORGOTTEN
WHAT THE HEX CAN DO. IT'S
BEEN SO LONG SINCE URANOS
HID THE KEYS.

THEY
REALLY ARE
SOMETHING.

UPDATE,
MACHINE.
HOW LONG
CAN THEY
KEEP THIS
UP?

UGH.

FIVE
OF THE HEX
DEPLOYED. SYNE
IS RESURRECTING,
HAVING BEEN
KILLED.

ALL
RUNNING
AT MAXIMUM
COMBAT
POTENTIAL,
MAINTAINED
BY LIVE-
CONNECTION
TO CELESTIAL
ARMORIES.

HE MAKES
ME SOUND
LIKE SUCH
A NERD.

THAT'S
GOOD
NEWS.

AND
HOW GOES THE
PSYCHIC SIEGE,
ZURAS?

OH,
YOU STUPID
BOY.

IT IS
HARD.

THE PSYCHIC SIEGE
IS A DISTRIBUTED
ATTACK TO PREVENT
THE MUTANTS FROM
OPERATING ELEGANTLY.

IN TRUTH, IT IS
LESS SIEGE AND
MORE **EROSION**.

THE BEST MUTANT
PSYCHICS ARE
GROTESQUELY
POWERFUL,
BUT HAVE ONLY
FLESHY BODIES.

ETERNALS
DON'T HAVE
THE TOP-LEVEL
TALENT...BUT
THEY'RE **NOT**
FLESHY LITTLE
THINGS.

DO YOU PLAY
VIDEO GAMES?
RPGs?

(YES, THE PLANET
EARTH IS BOTH A
NERD **AND** A GEEK.)

ANYWAY,
PUT IT LIKE
THIS:

MUTANTS DO
A LOT MORE
DAMAGE.

ETERNALS HAVE
A LOT MORE
HIT POINTS.

THE ETERNALS
AREN'T TRYING
TO WIN THE
PSYCHIC WAR.
THEY'RE
JUST TRYING
UP THE BEST
X-PLAYERS...

DON'T WORRY,
ZURAS. WHEN SYNE IS
REDEPLOYED, IT'LL LIKELY
BE ENOUGH TO FINISH
KRAKOA...

OH, IT MUST BE
SO FRUSTRATING
FOR THEM...BEING
ATTACKED BY
SOMEONE THEY
CAN'T ATTACK
BACK.

THIS IS CORRECT. THE
ETERNAL CITIES ARE
SECRET CITIES WITH
CLOSED DOORS.

SOMEONE
FINDING A WAY
TO CHANGE THAT...

THAT SOUNDS
LIKE A **GOOD**
IDEA.

THE EXCLUSION.

DRUG HAS THOUGHT OF IT TOO AND GUARDS THE MACHINERY THAT WOULD LET ONE DO SO.

THIS IS **KALOS THE DESTRUCTOR** OF THE OCEANIC WATCH. DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE HIM.

YOU DON'T GET CALLED "THE DESTRUCTOR" IN ETERNAL SOCIETY FOR YOUR EXPERTISE IN FORTNITE.

HE HAS CERTAIN GIFTS.

WE'RE SPOTTED!

I'VE HACKED THE CONNECTIONS. WE'VE GOT PRIVACY.

VERY WELL, TAKE HIM DOWN.

ER... NO!

DON'T REALLY THINK SO!

HE UNFOLDS A HYDRA PATTERN FROM HIS INFRA-CAVERNS.

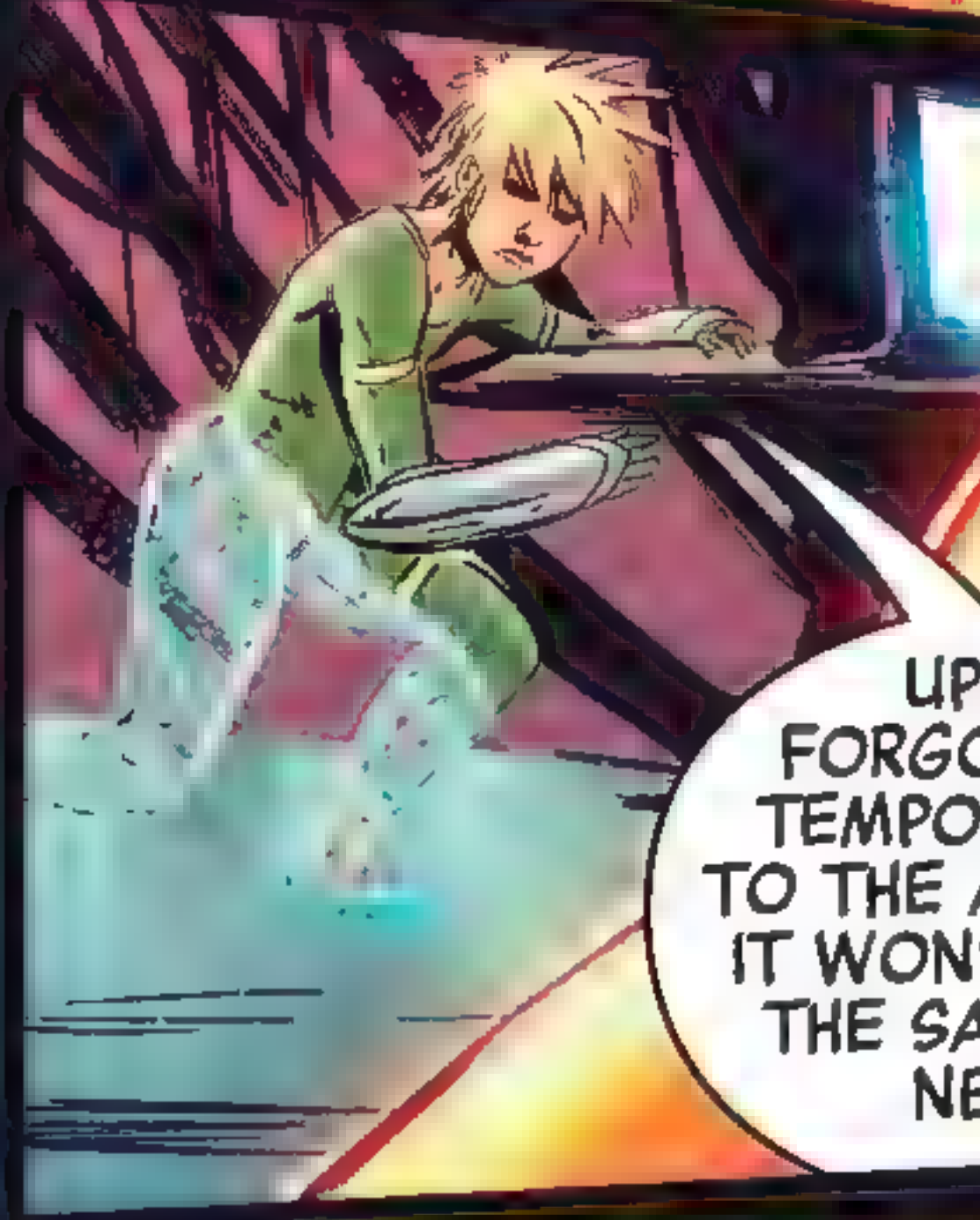
SIX IS A HOLY NUMBER.

SIX WOULD BE THE NUMBER THAT COULD TAKE HIM DOWN.



BUT HE FACES SEVEN.

THE FORGOTTEN, IKARIS AND KINGO TO FIGHT...



...LEAVING SPRITE FREE TO DO THE REQUIRED SNEAKINESS...

UPLOADING A FORGOTTEN SPECIAL TEMPORARY OVERRIDE TO THE ARMORY ACCESS. IT WON'T DEPLOY UNTIL THE SAFEGUARDS ARE NEUTRALIZED.

GOT THE BOOM-BOOM READY, IKARIS?



AYE.

X-MEN: LISTEN.



THE WAY IS OPEN.



ALERT!
ALERT!

ACCESS PROTOCOL
COMPROMISED.

INTRUDERS IN
THE ARMORY.

SHOW
ME!

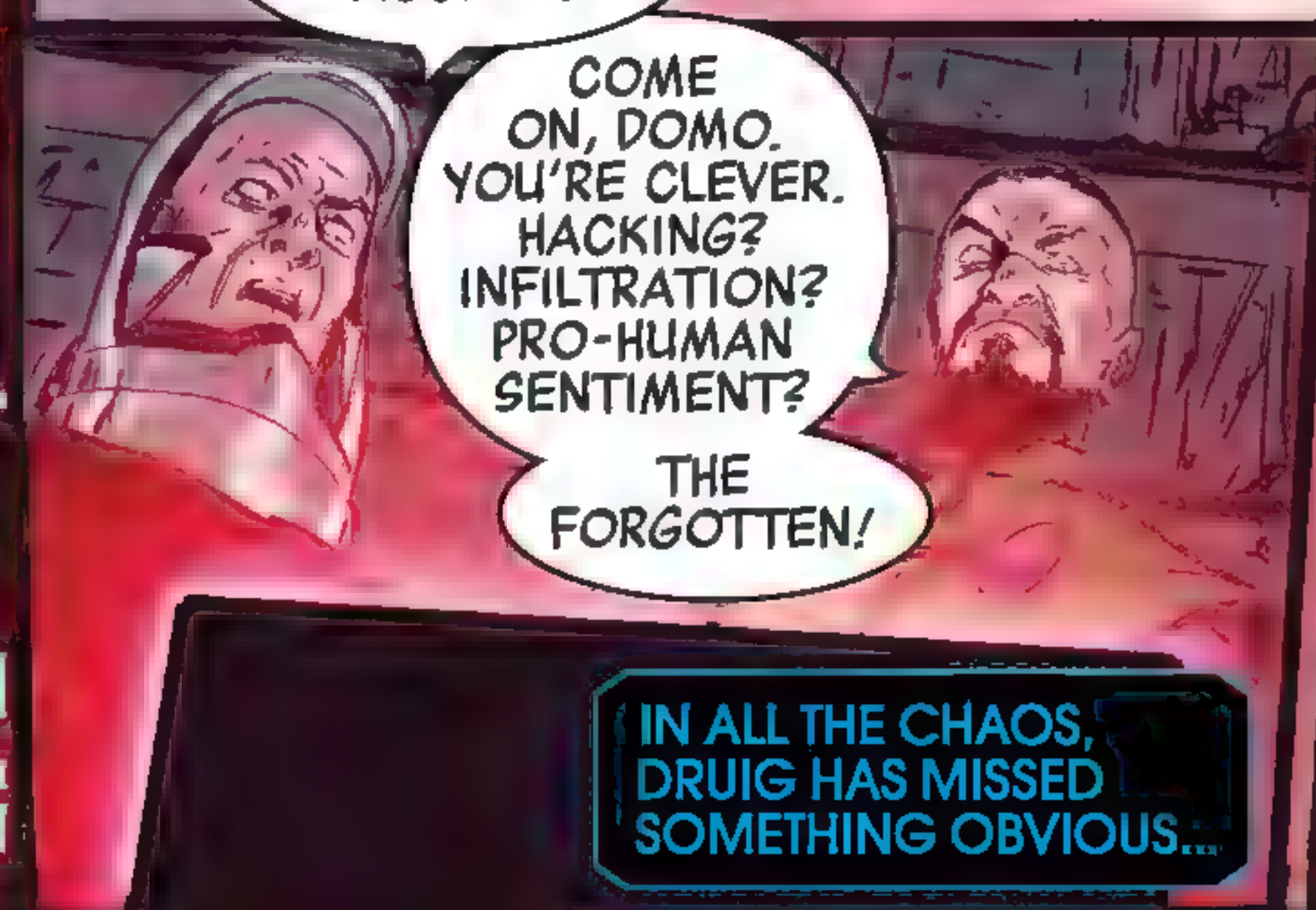


MUTANTS!
I MEAN,
DEVIANTS!

IN THE
MACHINE!

WITH
THEIR SUPPLY
DISRUPTED,
THE HEX WILL BE
LEFT WITHOUT
WEAPONRY AND
POWER.

WHO
WOULD LET OUR
FOES HAVE
ACCESS?



COME
ON, DOMO.
YOU'RE CLEVER.
HACKING?
INFILTRATION?
PRO-HUMAN
SENTIMENT?

THE
FORGOTTEN!

IN ALL THE CHAOS,
DRUG HAS MISSED
SOMETHING OBVIOUS...



...THERE'RE ONLY **FOUR** FORGOTTEN.

INTERNAL
DEFENSE UNITS.
THEY'RE IN THE
EXCLUSION.

GET
TO THEM,
BEFORE THEY
ESCAPE.



DRUG SHOWS
HIS WEAKNESS
OF CHARACTER.

HE IS THINKING
"I WOULD
HIT AND RUN."

BUT HE
IS NOT
GILGAMESH
AND HE
IS NOT
IKARIS.

THEY
WOULD
NOT HIT
AND **RUN.**

THEY
WOULD HIT
AND THEN
HIT **AGAIN.**

THE WEAPON
TEMPORARILY
TELEPORTS A
SMALL PART OF
ZURAS' BRAIN
INTO ANOTHER
DIMENSION,
LEAVING HIS
MIND WITH
A MISSING
CONNECTOR.

ZURAS
CAN'T THINK,
SO HE CAN'T
FIGHT. HE
ALSO DOESN'T
DIE, SO A
HUMAN ISN'T
KILLED TO
RESURRECT
HIM.

BUT
STILL: THE
SIEGE
BREAKS.

NO! YOU...
SPOILSPORTS!

SO...THE GREAT
MUTANTS' MINDS ARE
FREED FROM OUR
INTERFERENCE.

THE DEPLOYED HEX
ARE RUNNING ON FUMES.
WE ARE IN A DANGEROUS
SITUATION...

WE ARE
JUST...

HELL, SYNE IS READY TO
REDEPLOY AS PLANNED. SHE
CAN STILL FINISH THIS, WITH
LUCK. ROLL THE DICE.

UNLESS
**SOMETHING
ELSE** INTERRUPTS
US, WE CAN
STILL WIN
TODAY.

YES, YOU'RE
CORRECT...

...DRUG IS TO BE
DISAPPOINTED.

Avengers Mountain,
THE NORTH POLE

PHASTOS
MAKES
THE FINAL
TOUCHES.

I SHUDDER AS
THE CELESTIAL
AWAKENS.



THE EARTH'S NEW
MANAGEMENT
IS HERE.

THE CELESTIAL
SPEAKS TO ALL
SENTIENT LIFE.

IT IS DIFFERENT
FOR THOSE WHO
ARE PART OF
THE MACHINE.

IT MAY BE
A NEW GOD,
BUT IT IS A
GOD OF THE
ETERNALS.

TO US, IT
IS MORE
DIRECT.

SO FAR, THE
ETERNALS HAVE
HAD THREE
PRINCIPLES.



THE
CELESTIAL
GIVES A
FOURTH...

**YOU HAVE
24 HOURS
TO JUSTIFY
YOURSELVES.**



IT'S LOGICAL
THAT ALL EYES
FALL TO THEIR
LEADER.

BOLD ACTIONS
ARE REQUIRED—
INSPIRATION
AND VERVE.

AND DRUIG
THINKS.



"I HAVE NO
&%#@ IDEA
WHAT TO DO."



RETREAT.
HOLD UP. GET
OUR DEFENSES
WORKING.

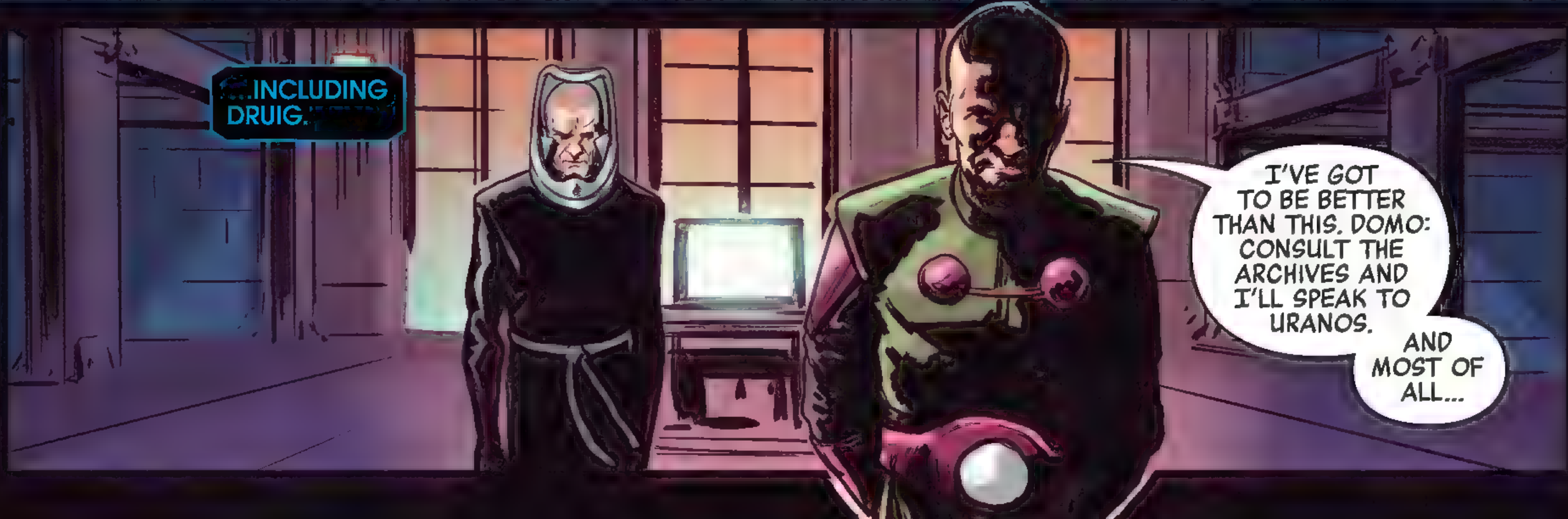
LET'S
TAKE A
BEAT. SEE
WHAT'S
NEXT.

THE ETERNALS OBEY, BUT A THOUGHT IS
BOUNCED AROUND PRIVATE PSI-CHATS.



URANOS
WOULDN'T HAVE
SAID, "LET'S
TAKE A BEAT."

DRUIG'S MASK
SLIPS AND EVERYONE
KNOWS HOW UNSUITED
HE IS FOR THIS ROLE...



...INCLUDING
DRUIG.

I'VE GOT
TO BE BETTER
THAN THIS. DOMO:
CONSULT THE
ARCHIVES AND
I'LL SPEAK TO
URANOS.

AND
MOST OF
ALL...

"...MAKE SURE THE FORGOTTEN DON'T ESCAPE."



HMPH. JUSTIFY OURSELVES?



THIS WORLD **BLEEDS** BECAUSE OF OUR ARROGANCE. WE HURT HUMANS BY **EXISTING**.

EVEN I, WHO TRIED TO PROTECT THEM, KILLED THEM INDIRECTLY. WE DIE, THEY DIE.

THE PRINCIPLES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN RIDDLES. I KNOW THE ANSWER TO THIS ONE.

...I THINK I DO TOO.



IKARIS AND GILGAMESH ARE LONG GONE BEFORE DRUIG'S DROOGS FIND THE MESSAGE...

THE ETERNALS

...IT WILL BE
ADDED TO THE
MANY THINGS
DRUG HAS TO
THINK ABOUT.

TO BE CONTINUED!

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JUDGMENT DAY



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NEXT

The Eternals are going after mutants to “correct excess deviation.”
A certain group of people has strong opinions about that...

